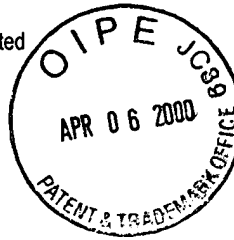


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

David J. Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD FOR  
PROVIDING A LABORATORY  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2771

TRANSMITTAL LETTER - RESPONSE  
TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

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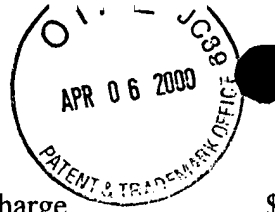
Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date  
Granted dated October 6, 1999, enclosed are the following to be made of record in the above-  
identified application:

1. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney -
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 for the following fees:

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(a) Missing Parts Surcharge \$130.00

**TOTAL FEES TO BE CHARGED \$130.00**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This Transmittal Letter is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the **SURCHARGE** set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a

☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 130

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.
- ☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
- ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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